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To: Murszewski, Peter; Rep. Hennessy, Jack
Subject: Bill HB-5724

Gentleman

Please support the above bill which prevents elected officials from working for the City of Bridgeport. I support your efforts in this. It is what this city needs to start to get back to being productive.

I moved to Bridgeport about 8 years ago and got actively involved in trying to help Connecticut's largest city become a productive and efficient place to live and work. I was involved in the Urban Land Institutes Study and recommendations, participated in the Bridgeport Summit sponsored by Mayor Fabrizi, and volunteered on the city's Citizen's Union. I had recently retired from 36 years in corporate America, 33 of them at IBM and thought I could use some of my experience to help the city. I quickly discovered that the leaders of my city were not interested in productivity or efficiency or in anyone other than their hand picked political appointees for help in running the city. I believed some of my skills would help and I still do but no one in this city's leadership ranks is really interested in helping the citizens. Their interest is in protecting their jobs and benefits and hiring their friends and relatives.

It does not take much to realize that Connecticut's largest city is mismanaged. Sixty percent of the elected officials work for the city or have relatives that work for the city. The culture that exists at city hall is a no work culture. At the Bridgeport Summit years ago a young Spanish woman who had worked in city hall and quit because she could not stand the environment and inefficiency told me the only thing that matter was getting re-elected. The motto was "show up at 10 am and leave at 2 pm vote for me and I don't care what you do". Your bill can help change this culture. Please pass it.

The City of Bridgeport has tremendous assets. It is surrounded by the riches communities in the country and yet year after year things do not improve. It is a crime that it is not contributing more to Connecticut. It could easily be more like Stamford which has turned around. Bridgeport has a deep water harbor and an airport. Plus a spectacular underutilized water front. Your bill is a step in the right direction. Please pass it and keep up the good work!!

Sincerely,

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